REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 23, 2009.

Claims 9 and 12 have been canceled. With this amendment, claims 1-8, 10 and 11 are pending in the application. No new matter is introduced. Applicants request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The present Office Action indicates that claims 1-8 and 11 are allowed. The Examiner is thanked for this indication of allowed subject matter. Further, because withdrawn claim 10 depends from allowable independent claim 1, claim 10 is likewise allowable.

As a result, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19 1090.

Respectfully submitted,
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